

EDITORIAL NOTES

Since the miners of Fernie quit paying to the Patriotic Fund this city's place in the list of published subscriptions has dropped down the line to the village class. Even the lumber camp at Waldo digs up nearly double the amount of Coal Creek and Fernie. The miners in this district are receiving every consideration in the matter of wages and it is only fair that they should hold up their end in this cause. If they were paying too much before, cut the amount down but let them give something regularly each month.

The Calgary Herald says:

"In general, Calgary may be paying its civic employees as much as other western cities, but where men on the police force are being paid less than \$25 a week there is something wrong. Less than that amount is not enough for a married man to live on in these days of high living costs."

In B.C. the Provincial government pays many a married man on the police force at the rate of \$75 per month.

A Socialist delegate at the Alberta Federation of Labor convention charged that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation, had sold out to the Yankee profiteers. It is the foolish ravings of such irresponsibles as this man that put labor in wrong with many good people who would prefer to be friendly to the cause. It is a pity they cannot be kept quiet.

Chief of Police Cuddy says that the blind-piggers are flourishing in Calgary and that under the law as it stands they will continue to flourish. If the law is weak in this respect it should be amended. Blind pigs are infinitely worse than open bars.—Calgary Herald.

Liquor is coming into Pass towns at the rate of a parcel a week for every home, representing an average value of \$3 each, which means more money's worth than was ever served over the bars of the Pass in that period.—Blairmore Enterprise.

Fernie can feel thankful that she is not in the position described by the Lethbridge Herald in the following editorial:

Financial conditions in the cities of Western Canada have come to a "show down." A solution for the difficulty must be found, or the alternative is that the cities will be forced to default on their bonds and go into receivers' hands.

The trouble in all western cities has arisen as a direct result of the boom spirit, which had two effects: First, the cities built too lavishly in the way of permanent improvements, and second, too many subdivisions were added, spreading the population over too great an area thus making necessary unprofitable extensions of public utilities, and at the same time bringing to the assessment roll thousands of acres of vacant property on which had been placed fictitious boom values thus creating a fictitious basis for taxation.

Today the cities all find themselves heavily involved, and with an ever-increasing volume of tax arrears. Much of the arrears is on this useless subdivision property which the owners in the majority of cases would rather relinquish than pay the taxes year by year in the distant hope that the property might some day be worth its assessed value. For the cities to continue to levy taxes, which are never paid, against such property only results in a larger volume of arrears being piled up, and a fictitious credit appearing on the city's books.

The sooner the outside properties on which the cities cannot hope to collect taxes, are wiped off the assessment roll the sooner will the cities get down to a permanent basis for financing. But in addition to this, something must be done to lighten the tax burden on those owners of inside property who must keep up their taxes owing to their heavy investments. There appears to be only one way in which the cities can accomplish this—unless of course there should be an enormous growth of population in the cities with a corresponding growth in basic industries to employ them—and that is to go to the bondholders, explain the situation, and gain their consent to a refunding and rebonding process which would spread the present indebtedness over a greater number of years thus lessening the annual tax burden on the ratepayers. This plan, with the exercise of the strictest economy in controllable expenditure, will probably help all the deeply involved cities to pay their just debts without undue tax pressure on the ratepayers.

OLD VARSITY TRAINING AIR MEN

Those who have imagined flying to be a sort of super sport, hazardous perhaps, but still a thrilling game for young men will be surprised to learn that aviation more nearly approaches a profession.

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The School of Military Aeronautics established at Toronto University by the Royal Flying Corps is reputed to be the best equipped in the Empire. The instructors are men who have fought the Hun airmen in France. Many have served for months in the trenches before entering the R. F. C. They are earnest, painstaking teachers, who realize the vast importance to the Empire of thoroughness in training men for aerial warfare.

MISS RANKIN BUTTS IN

The only lady member of the United States House of Representatives Miss Rankin (who voted against war with Germany), is now engaged in meddling with matters which are no concern of hers. She has introduced a wholly irrelevant resolution in the House declaring the "right of Ireland to political independence" and that "we count Ireland amongst those countries for whose freedom and democracy we are fighting." The deplorable tactlessness of this action of Miss Rankin needs no emphasis. Perhaps she would realize it, however, if the British or Canadian parliament considered a resolution dealing with the domestic affairs of Montana, Miss Rankin's own state.

UNSKILLED LABOR WILL BE RECRUITED

Winnipeg, Jan. 9. — The Winnipeg Free Press today says: It was learned on reliable authority today that within a very short time, and certainly before the spring work

in the farm communities, the Dominion government will announce the conscription of alien and unskilled labor, for the farm and mines and other necessary work.

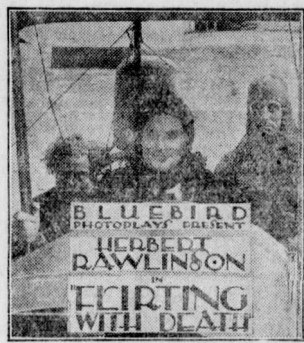
Repeated representations have recently been made to the government from various organized and public bodies in the west asking that some such method of dealing with the question of labor be adopted. There has been grievous complaints that while the true sons of Canada are fighting in the trenches for a dollar a day, the aliens remain in safety in the country and are standing out for almost prohibitive wages, refusing to work unless these wages are paid.

"GREEN STOCKINGS"

The Cranbrook Amateur Dramatic Club will present "Green Stockings" at the Grand theatre on Saturday, Jan. 12. This comedy has been presented at Creston and at Balfour for the soldiers, and at other places, and has met with great success. It will be given here under the patronage of the I.O.D.E. and the Patriotic Society, and a large attendance is looked for.

In Memoriam

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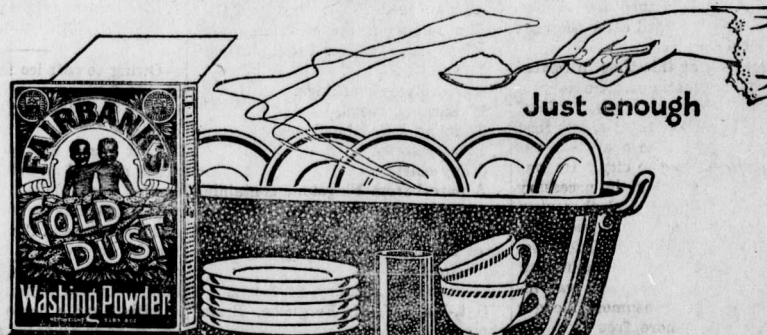
MARGUERITE CLARK IN "THE AMAZON" A PARAMOUNT PICTURE
ISIS—FRIDAY & SATURDAY

TO THE ELECTORS OF FERNIE:

At the request of a large number of Ratepayers I have decided to allow my name to be placed in nomination for the position of Alderman. If elected I will endeavor to work for the best interests of the City.

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